

**Introduced by Senator Leno**

February 19, 2010

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An act to add Section 1279.7 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment insurance.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1472, as introduced, Leno. Unemployment insurance: shared work.

Existing law permits the payment of a reduced amount of unemployment compensation benefits to an individual who participates in a shared work unemployment insurance benefit program pursuant to an approved employer plan. Existing law requires the Employment Development Department to implement and administer the plan, and authorizes the Director of Employment Development to terminate a shared work plan for good cause if the plan is not being carried out according to its terms and intent.

This bill would require the department to also develop and implement an outreach plan designed to provide information and inform employers in this state of the shared work program, as provided. The bill would require the department, as part of the plan, to collect and compile data on the effectiveness of the shared work program in reducing the state's total expenditures on unemployment insurance and to target its outreach efforts based on the results of that data. The bill would further require the department, not later than June 30, 2011, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report analyzing the data collected pursuant to those provisions, and evaluating the effectiveness of the outreach plan. The bill would require the department to use existing funds and personnel to implement the provisions of the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1279.7 is added to the Unemployment  
2     Insurance Code, to read:  
3     1279.7. (a) The department shall develop and implement an  
4     outreach plan designed to provide information and inform  
5     employers in this state of the shared work program set forth in  
6     Section 1279.5. The plan shall include outreach to statewide and  
7     local chambers of commerce, employer advisory councils, and  
8     small business advisory councils. As part of the plan, the  
9     department shall collect and compile data on the effectiveness of  
10    the shared work program in reducing the state's total expenditures  
11    on unemployment insurance and shall target its outreach efforts  
12    based on the results of that data.  
13    (b) Not later than June 30, 2011, the department shall prepare  
14    and submit to the Legislature a report analyzing the data compiled  
15    pursuant to this section, and evaluating the effectiveness of the  
16    outreach plan.  
17    (c) The department shall implement this section using existing  
18    funds and personnel.  
19    SEC. 2. This act addresses the fiscal emergency declared by  
20    the Governor by proclamation on January 8, 2010, pursuant to  
21    subdivision (f) of Section 10 of Article IV of the California  
22    Constitution.

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